

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, undated, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. Oakland, Md. (July or August 1883) My dear Alec:

I was very glad to get your telegram although I wished it had been a letter. I have written to you every day and you have only sent me one little note. I don't mind your sitting up once in awhile, but I understand that you had been doing nothing but sleeping all day every day and breakfasting at 3. Your health and reputation are very precious to me.

The poor old man here died this morning. God save us from such a fate, as this of either dying oneself or watching a loved one dying in such a hotel as this, children rushing and shouting up and down the piazza outside our window, music in the hall and minstrels in the next room, and when all is over still no peace, no sympathy for one's sorrow, still the children shouting and as soon as may be the beloved body huddled like a thing of shame and disgrace out of the back door.

The children and I walked down to see the new carriage and I was delighted with it. When are you coming to give me a drive. I was much disappointed that Berta and Charlie could not have a drive, but our horses are not strong enough to drive the carriage separately and Perrin could not get another.

The children are flourishing and deeply interested in spiders webs. The caterpillars have not come out of the eggs yet, how are yours.

With a great deal of love, Always yours, Mabel. (letter unsigned)